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FAISAL AL SALMI SENTENCED FOR LYING TO FBI ABOUT KNOWING TERRORIST HANI HANJOUR

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that Faisal Al Salmi, 34, from Saudi Arabia, was sentenced to six months in prison for making false statements to the FBI, by United States District Judge Roslyn O. Silver. Al Salmi has 34 more days to serve on this sentence as he had been in custody pending trial. Al Salmi will thereafter be turned over to the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for deportation.

The evidence at trial showed that Alsalmi lied to the FBI for 10 hours on September 18, 2001, about knowing Hani Hanjour, the terrorist believed to have crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Lying to the FBI is a violation of Title 18, of the United States Code, Section 1001.

The investigation leading to the conviction and sentencing was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution was handled by Peter Sexton, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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